

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)	
)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Robert Allen Klaric,)	
)	
Certificate 142670)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on September 13, 2005. On August 26, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Robert Allen Klaric a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate number 142670 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Upon receipt of that letter, Mr. Klaric contacted the Department and requested the opportunity to surrender his educator certificate, in lieu of his right to a hearing on the matter. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Klaric's certificate.

Robert A.
Klaric
142670

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Klaric's South Carolina educator certificate expired in 2000 and he last taught in South Carolina during the 1993-1994 school year. On June 21, 2005, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) issued a consent order for the voluntary surrender of Mr. Klaric's Georgia certificate. The surrender followed an investigation into allegations that Mr. Klaric made inappropriate comments and gestures of a sexual nature in the presence of students. The Georgia consent order states that Mr. Klaric agreed to the surrender without admitting to the allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Klaric's certificate. The voluntary surrender will take effect retroactively on June 21, 2005, to coincide with the effective date of the surrender of Mr. Klaric's Georgia certificate. At the end of three years from the effective date of the surrender, Mr. Klaric may reapply for a teaching certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification at the South Carolina Department of Education. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Klaric must pass a character and fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester
Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
September 13, 2005

I, Robert A. Klaric, SC Educator Certificate 142670, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on September 13, 2005.

/S/ Robert A. Klaric
Robert A. Klaric

9/1/05
Date